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Superintendent Mike Caldwell named one of Philadelphia Business Journal's "40 under 40"

Efforts to revitalize Valley Forge have the community excited about the park

VALLEY FORGE, PA – Valley Forge National Historical Park Superintendent, Mike Caldwell, has been named one of *Philadelphia Business Journal's* "40 under 40" award recipients. Caldwell was selected for his commitment to professional excellence and community involvement. Caldwell and 39 professional peers will be featured in a special section of the *Business Journal* in the May 9 issue and recognized at an awards celebration on May 22, 2008.

The Valley Forge Convention and Visitor's Bureau nominated Caldwell for the honor. They described that Caldwell "saw tremendous opportunity to revitalize and expand park programs and activities. He brought in high quality partners and systematically reached out to regional leaders and organizations, working with them to understand how the park can fit in and serve the community and also how regional resources can improve the park. There is a strengthened stewardship through the contribution of volunteers, partners, and donors, and fixed costs have been reduced with improved financial stability freeing up more dollars for visitor services, park preservation and building restoration. Since he arrived the number of visitor programs has doubled and park visitation is up."

Business leaders are enthusiastic about Caldwell's leadership. Tracy Carter Dougherty, Director of Community Relations for the Lockheed Martin Corporation said that, "Mike's vision inspires confidence and a sense that greater things are still come. He is a treasure and should be counted among the best and brightest in our region."

Don Naimoli, the Chairman of the Friends of Valley Forge Park said that, "Mike Caldwell has revitalized Valley Forge Park beyond any realistic expectation. It may be said that Mike is the Park's number one Friend and those of us who love Valley Forge appreciate his presence and his efforts."

It isn't the first time Caldwell was recognized as a young leader. In 2003, he received the "Accent on Excellence" award from the Observer-Dispatch newspaper of Utica, New York for his work at Fort Stanwix National Monument in Rome, N.Y.

About Valley Forge National Historical Park

Valley Forge National Historical Park educates present and future generations of Americans about one of the most defining events in our nation's history by preserving the natural and cultural resources that commemorate the encampment of the Continental Army at Valley Forge in 1777-78. To learn more visit www.nps.gov/vafo.

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